

## SILVERSTONE PODIUM JOY for STAUFF CONNECT ACADEMY



The story leading up to Silverstone is well documented; the theft from GR Motosport's Sheffield base really put the team under pressure to be ready for the event in just 3 weeks. The welcome from the BSB community on arriving at the circuit was tremendous, but we still had work to do on all 3 bikes.

Tarran Mackenzie on his STAUFF Connect Academy ZX6r started the weekend well finishing 3rd in free practice. Sam Hornsey and Jack Kennedy did a fantastic job throughout free practice showing great promise for the future with Sam taking 2nd in the mixed weather free practice 3. Our final qualifying places were not what we wanted but it did look at one point that we might not even make the first race of the season.



**Taz is all smiles on the podium**

**The Dickies British Supersport 600:-** normally having 2 races over a BSB weekend, starts the BSB race schedule on the Saturday afternoon. Tarran started this race from 7th on the grid but the weather was against everyone from the start, after just a few laps the race had to be stopped with Taz up to 3rd. On the restart Tarran and quite a few of the other front runners crashed in the terrible condition forcing the race to be abandoned. Sunday's race was a different; Tarran was again 7th on the grid and made a good start to go with the front group. As the race progressed the Kawasaki's of the front 3 including Tarran had pulled clear of the pack creating great TV theatre as they sorted the podium places. A crazy move from 3rd placed Mason Law on Tarran allowed the leader to pull away, Tarran fought back to take a comfortable 2nd, seven seconds clear of Law. Tarran now sits 2nd in the Championship and leads the R&G rookie's cup.



**Taz in full flight on the STAUFF Connect Academy ZX6r**

**Tarran Mackenzie:-** "I am really happy to secure my first podium of the year with 2nd place. Its nice to repay the Team after all the hours and hard work they have put in this last month. Roll on Oulton Park".



Sam Hornsey had a great debut in British Superbike

**The MCE British Superbike Championship:-** practice went well for Team WD-40's riders, Jack still suffering the effects of the injury he picked up the week before took 10th in the first session, then it was Sam's turn to shine grabbing 6th and 2nd in the next 2 mixed weather sessions. Qualifying and Racing at this event were hard work for the riders and Team, Jack had small technical issues in both races where Sam did a good job in his first BSB event just missing out on points finishes.

**Sam Hornsey:-** "My first BSB weekend went very well considering everything, We found a great setup for the damp conditions, being fastest for a while and taking 2nd in FP3 at the first race meeting was not something I expected. I am enjoying riding the Team WD-40 Superbike, we need to work on our dry set-up which we hope to do at the Oulton Park test next week".

**Jack Kennedy:-** "Well that didn't go to plan! To come away from Silverstone not finishing either of the races certainly wasn't the start to the 2016 season we had hoped for. Two unlucky mechanical DNF's are hard to take and it's disappointing for us all as a team.

The changing weather conditions throughout the weekend challenged us to find the ideal set up and qualifying on the 8th row didn't help our cause. I got a great start off the line in race 1, from 21st up to 12th but it was short lived and on lap 4 I had to retire.

Race 2, I got another good start but only managed 2 laps before I had to retire to the pits once again. It happens, that's racing and all you can do is regroup and come back fighting. We have a couple of weeks before Oulton which will also give my wrist more time to recover so then we can make amends by getting this season properly started".

**Brent Gladwin, GR Motosport Managing Director:-** "What a way to lift a TEAM! A Podium at the first BSB of 2016 continues our overall form in racing this year, adding to Amanuel's Podium in the World Minibike Championship in Spain. We will test again before the next BSB event at Oulton Park on Monday the 2nd of May".

"I am proud of what we have come through and achieved in the last month. Although 2 of our bikes are still missing we as a Team can only look forward and move in that direction". 🏁